

Ashley Wilmot
Besser Museum Biography

Ashley Wilmot has worked in education for 15 years and is currently an administrator for Alpena Montmorency Alcona Educational Service District. After a childhood spent enjoying all that Besser Museum has to offer, she relocated to earn her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She furthered her education with Masters degrees in Education and Psychology as well as two educational specialist degrees in psychology and educational leadership. Once returning to the region, Ashley fell in love with Northern Michigan all over again. She is honored to serve on the boards for Thunder Bay Theater, Huron Humane Society, and NAMI - Alpena Affiliate Chapter. Ashley enjoys writing, hiking, snowshoeing, and traveling.



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BESSER MUSEUM FOR NORTHEAST

MICHIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in joining the Board of Trustees for the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan. Please use this form to provide information about yourself. The Board of Trustees Governance Committee will review your application to ensure your

interests will complement the Museum’s current board composition and needs. Our goal is to offer a positive experience for you that also furthers the success of the Besser Museum. The Besser Museum is a non-profit 501c3 organization. For more information visit bessermuseum.org.

Board of Trustees Responsibilities

- The Board guards the museum’s mission and, through guidelines, steers it in the right direction.
- The Board monitors the activities, health, and ethical behaviors of the museum.
- The Board ensures that the museum is well equipped to fulfill its mission by securing and supporting adequate, qualified staff and volunteers, and maintaining the organization's financial stability and esteemed reputation.
- Trustees maintain an annual museum membership. Trustees commit to serve a 3-year term and attend Board meetings at 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Board Committees:

Finance Committee: monitors the financial affairs of the Besser Museum.

Development Committee: helps supervise and/or conducts fundraising activities, program development, membership development.

Governance Committee: reviews policies and bylaws, recommends amendments, and helps with Trustee recruitment and orientation.

Collections Committee: reviews recommendations for artifact accessions and deaccessions and policies pertaining to the care and preservation of artifacts.

Facilities Committee: oversees the development, implementation, and regular review of the Museum’s site plan.

Special Ad-Hoc Committees: oversee special projects, such as: Katherine V and Chinook, Historic Village Restoration, Fine Arts, and Anishinaabe Exhibit.

The following information will be shared with current board members.

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

Full Name: Ashley Wilmot

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Briefly describe why you would like to join the Board of Trustees:

Growing up in Northern Michigan, I have fond memories of attending Log Cabin Days, standing on the Besser Blocks in the former downstairs Jesse Besser room, and being in awe of the planetarium shows. When I moved back to the area nearly eight years ago, I wanted to ensure that I gave back to the community in areas I am most passionate about. Living in other parts of the country and travelling abroad opened my eyes to the large impact a museum can have on a community - regardless of the size. I believe my passion for and dedication to the arts and sciences will be beneficial to the museum.

List other professional, volunteer, or community service affiliations:

1. Thunder Bay Theater Board of Directors since August 2019
2. Huron Humane Society - Secretary since January 2020
3. National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Board Member since Winter 2021
4. NOAA/Thunder Bay Film Festival Volunteer
5. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) member

Which skills would you be able to offer to support the Besser Museum? Check those that apply:

Board Development	Fundraising/Development
Finance	Community Outreach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program/Exhibit Development	Governance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collections/Artifact Care	Facilities/Grounds

Are you aware of any potential conflict of interest by participating on the Besser Museum Board of Trustees? If yes, please explain.

I have no conflicts of interest by participating on the Besser Museum Board of Trustees.

Please provide a brief biography with this application.

Signature:  Date: 4/27/2021

Please return the completed form to cwitulski@bessermuseum.org, or mail it to: Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. We will be in contact with you in the near future.